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In re Patent Application of

J. GEORG BEDNORZ and  
K. ALEX MUELLER

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TEMPERATURE, AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE AND PREPARATION

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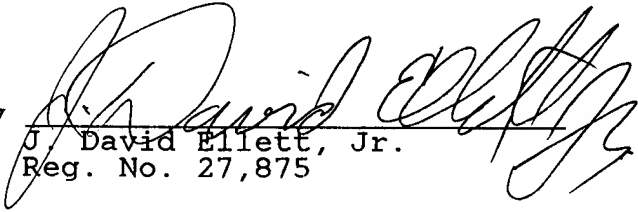
Sir:

By their attorneys, the applicants in the application identified above hereby claim under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 the priority of an application filed on 23 January 1987 in their behalf in the European Patent Office as European patent application Serial No. 87100961.9 ("the European '961 patent application"). Submitted herewith are: (1) a certified copy of the European '961 application upon which the claim to priority is based; and (2) a supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for the application duly executed by the applicants, Drs. Bednorz and Mueller on 4 February 1992 and 28 February 1992, respectively, in which a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 to the European '961 application is made.

As noted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith, three persons were identified as joint inventors in the European '961 application: J. Georg Bednorz and K. Alex Mueller - the applicants in the subject United States application - and Masaaki Takashige, a Japanese citizen residing in Ruschlikon, Switzerland at the time of filing the '961 application. The difference in inventorship arose under the circumstances of the present case because patent laws of the United States and the European patent convention differ, as discussed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

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